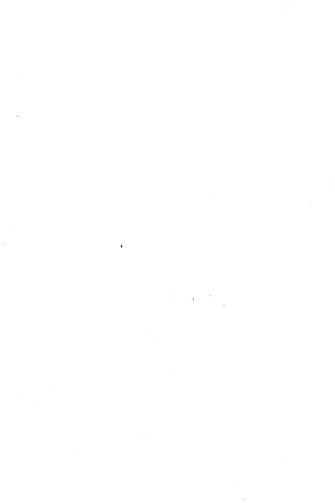


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REMARKABLE ADVENTURES

OF

JACKSON JOHONNOT,

OF MASSACHUSETTS,

WHO SERVED AS A SOLDIER IN THE WESTERN ARMY,

IN THE EXPEDITION UNDER

GEN. HARMAR AND GEN. ST. CLAIR.

CONTAINING

AN ACCOUNT OF HIS CAPTIVITY, SUFFER-INGS, AND ESCAPE FROM THE

KICKAPPO INDIANS.

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THERE is feldom a more difficult talk undertaken by a man, than the act of writing a narrative of a person's own life;—especially where the incident borders on the marvellous. Prodigies but feldom happen, and the veracity of relaters of them is still less frequently vouched for; however, as the dispensations of providence towards me have been too striking not to make a deep and grateful impression, and as the principal part of them can be attested to by living evidences, I shall proceed, being consident that the candid reader will pardon the inaccuracies of an illiterate foldier, and that the tenderhearted will drop the tear of sympathy when they realize the idea of the fufferings of fuch of our unfortunate country-folks as fall into the hands of the western Indians, whose tender mercies are cruelties.

I was born and brought up at Falmouth, Cafco Bay, where I refided until I attained to the feventeenth year of my age. My parents were poor, the farm we occupied, fmall and hard to cultivate, their family large and expensive, and every way sitted to spare me to seek a separate

fortune; at least these ideas had gained so great an ascendency in my mind, that I determined, with the consent of my parents, to look out for

a mean of supporting myself.

Having fixed on the matter firmly, I took leave of my friends and failed the first of May, 1791, on board a coasting schooner for Boston. Being arrived in this capitol, and entirely out of employ, I had many uneasy sensations, and more than once sincerely wished myself at home with my parents; however, as I had set out on an important design, and as yet met with no misfortune, pride kept me from this act, while necessity urged me to six speedily on some mode of obtaining a livelihood.

My mind was feverely agitated on this fubject one morning, when a young officer came
into my room, and foon entered into converfation on the pleafures of a military life, the great
chance there was for an active young man to
obtain promotion, and the grand prospect opening for making great fortunes in the western
country. His artistice had the desired effect, for
after treating me with a bowl or two of punch,
I enlisted, with a firm promise on his side to assist me in obtaining a sergeant's warrant before
the party left Boston.

An entire new scene now opened before me; instead of becoming a sergeant I was treated severely for my ignorance in a matter I had till then scarcely thought of, and insultingly ridiculed for remonstrating against the conduct of the officer. I suffered great uneasiness on these

and other accounts, of a fimilar kind, for some time; at length, convinced of the futility of complaint, I applied myself to study the exercife, and in a few days became tolerable expert. The beginning of July we left Boston, and proceeded on our way to join the western army. When we arrived at Fort Washington I was ordered to join Capt. Phelon's company, and in a few days fet out on the expedition under Gen. Harmar. Those alone who have experienced can tell what hardships men undergo in fuch excursions. Hunger, fatigue and toil were our constant attendants; however, as our expectations were raised with the idea of easy conquest, rich plunder, and fine arms in the end, we made a shift to be tolerable merry.-For my own part, I had obtained a fergeancy, and flattered myself I was in the direct road to honor, fame and fortune. Alas! how fluctuating are the scenes of life! how singularly precarious the fortune of a foldier! Before a fingle opportunity presented in which I could have a chance to fignalize myfelf, it was my lot to be taken in an ambuscade, by a party of Kickappo Indians, and with ten others constrained to experience scenes, in comparison of which our former diffresses funk into nothing. We were taken on the bank of the Wabash and immediately conveyed to the upper Miami, at least such of us as survived. The second day after we were taken one of my companions, by the name of George Aikins, a native of Ireland. became so faint with hunger and fatigue that

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he could proceed no further. A short council was immediately held among the Indians who guarded us, the refult of which was that he should be put to death. This was no fooner determined on than a scene of torture began. The capt, of the guard approached the wretched victim, who lay bound on the ground, and with his knife made a circular incision on the fcull; two others immediately pulled off the scalp; after this they each of them struck him on the head with their tomahawks: they then ftripped him naked, ftabbed him with their knives in every fensitive part of the body, and left him, weltering in blood, though not quite dead, a wretched victim to Indian rage and hellish barbarity.

We were eight days on our march to the upper Miami, during which painful travel no pen can describe our sufferings from hunger, thirst, and toil. We were met at the entrance of the town by above five hundred Indians, befides squaws and children, who were apprized of our approach by a most hideous yelling made by our guard, and answered repeatedly from the village. Here we were all feverely beaten by the Indians, and four of our number, viz. James Durgee, of Concord, Samuel Forfythe, of Beverly, Robert Deloy of Marblehead, and Uzza Benton, of Salem, who all fainted under their heavy trials, were immediately scalped and tomahawked in our presence, and tortured to death with every affliction of mifery that Indian ingenuity could invent,

It was the fourth of August when we were taken, and our unhappy companions were maffacred the thirteenth. News was that day received of the destruction at L'Anguille, &c. by Gen. Harmar. Numbers of scalps were exhibited by the warriors, and feveral prisoners, among whom were three women and fix children, carried through the village, destined to a Kickappo fettlement further westward. The fifteenth of August four more of my fellow prisoners, viz. Lemuel Saunders, of Boston, Thomas Tharp, of Dorchester, Vincent Upham, of Miftick, and Younglove Croxal, of Abington, were taken from us; but whether they were maffacred or preferved alive, I am unable to fay. After this nothing material occurred for a fortnight, except that we were several times severally whipped on the receipt of bad news, and our allowance of provisions lessened, so that we were apprehensive of starving to death, if we did not fall an immediate facrisce to the fire or tomahawk; but heaven had otherwife decreed.

On the night following the thirtieth of August, our guard, which consisted of four Indians, tired out with watching, laid down to sleep, leaving only an old squaw to attend us. Providence so ordered that my companion had, by some means, got one of his hands at liberty;—and, having a knife in his pocket, soon cut the withes that bound his feet, and that which pinioned my arms, unperceived by the old squaw, who sat in a drowsy position, not suspecting harm, over a small sire in the wigwam.

I ruminated but a few moments on our fitu-There was no weapon near us, except any companion's knife, which he still held. looked on him to make him observe me, and the fame inftant sprung and grasped the squaw by the throat to prevent her making a noise, and my comrade in a moment cut her throat from ear to ear, down to the neck bone. then feized a tomahawk, and myfelf a rifle, and firiking at the fame inflant, dispatched two of our enemies. The found of these blows awakened the others, but before they had time to rife, we renewed our strokes on them, and luckily to so good effect as to stun them, and then repeating the blow, we funk a tomahawk in each of their heads, armed ourselves completely, and taking what provisions the wigwam afforded, we committed ourselves to the protection of providence, and made the best of our way into the wildernefs.

The compass of a volume would scarce contain the events of our progress through the wilderness; but as they were uninteresting to any but us, I shall only observe generally, that the dishculties of the journey were too great to have been endured by any who had less interest than life at stake, or a less terrible enemy than Indians to fear. Hunger, thirst and fatigue were our constant companions, and of a truth we could declare the wearisome nights were appointed unto us. We travelled hard day and night, except the few hours absolutely requisite for repose, that nature might not fink under

her oppression, at which period one constantly watched while the other flept. In tists tirefome mode we proceeded until the fifteenth of Sep-Hember, having often to shift our direction on account of impaffable bogs, deep moraffes, and hideous precipices, without meeting any adventure worthy note. On the morning of the fifteenth, as we were steering nearly a north course in order to avoid a bog that intercepted our course S. E. we found the bodies of one old man, a woman, and two children, newly murdered, stript and scalped. This horrid spectacle chilled our blood. We viewed the wretch. ed victims, and from what we could collect from circumstances, we concluded that they had been dragged away from their homes, and their feet being worn out, had been murdered inhuranker and left weltering in their blood. were atha great loss now to determine what course to steer. At length we pitched on a direction about north-west, and walked on as fast as possible, to escape the savages, it practicable, About noon this day we came to a good fpring, which was a great relief to us; but which we had great reason a few minutes after to believe would be the last of our earthly comforts. My companion, Richard Sackville, a corporal, of Capt. Newman's stompany, stepping aside into the thicket on fome occasion, and returned with the account that a few rods distant he had difcovered four Indians with two miferable wretches bound, fitting under a tree eating; and that if I would join him, he would either relieve

the captives, or perish in the attempt. The ref-olution of my worthy comrade pleased me greatly, and as no time was to be lost, we say immediately about the execution of our defight Sackville took the lead, and conducted me undiscovered within fifty yards of the Indians:-Two of them were laid down, with their muskets in their arms, and appeared to be afleep: the other two fat at the head of the prisoners, their muskets resting against their left shoulders, and in their right hands each of them a tomahawk, over the heads of their prisoners. We each chose our man to fire at, and taking aim deliberately, had the fatisfaction to fee them both fall. The others inflantly started and feeming at a loss to determine from whence the affault was made, fell on their bellies and looked carefully around to discover the his course to take; meantime we had atcharged, and fhifting our position a little, impatiently waiting their rising. In a minute they raised on their hands and knees, and having, as we supposed, discovered the smoke of our guns rifing above the bushes, attempted to crawl into a thicket on the opposite side. This gave us a good chance, and we again fired at different men, and with fuch effect that we brought them both down. One hay motionless, the other crawled along a few yards: we loaded in an instant and rushed towards him, yet keeping an eye on him, as he had reached his comrade's gun, and fat upright in a posture of defence.-By our noise in the bushes he discovered the

direction to fire: alas! too fatally, for by his fatal shot I lost my comrade and friend Sackville. At this moment the two prisoners, who were close pinioned, endeavored to make their escape towards me, but the desperate savage again fired, and shot one of them dead; the other gained the thicket within a few yards of me. I had now once more got ready to fire, and difcharged at the wounded Indian. At this difcharge I wounded him in the neck, from whence I perceived the blood to flow fwiftly, but he yet undauntedly kept his feat, and having new charged his guns, fired upon us with them both, and then fell, feemingly from faintness and loss of blood. I ran instantly to the pinioned white man, and having unbound his arms and armed him with the unfortunate Sackville's musket, we cautiously approached a few yards nearer the wounded Indian, when I ordered my new comrade to fire, and we could perceive the fhot took effect, yet the favage lay motionless. As foon as my companion had reloaded we approached the Indian, whom we found not quite dead, and a tomahawk in each hand, which he flourished at us, seemingly determined not to be taken alive. I felt for my own part determined to take him alive if possible, but my new comrade prevented me by shooting him through the body. I now enquired of my new companion what course we ought to steer, and whence the party came, from whose power I had relieved him. He informed me with respect to the course, which we immedi-

ately took, and on the way let me know that we were within about three days march of Fort-Jefferson; that he and three others were taken. by a party of ten Wabash Indians, four days before, in the neighborhood of that tort:—that two of his companions being wounded were immediately scalped and killed:—that the party at the time of taking him had in their poffell. ion seven other prisoners, three of whom were committed to the charge of a party of four Indians: - what became of them he knew not: the others, being worn down with fatigue, were maffacred the day before, and which I found to be those whose bodies poor Sackville discovered in the thicket:—that the other two Indians were gone towards the fettlements; having fworn to kill certain perfons, whose names he had forgotten; and that destruction seemed to be their whole drift.

My comrade, whose name, on enquiry, I found to be Gregory Sexton, formerly a resident of Newport, Rhode-Island, I found to be an excellent woodsman, and a man of great spirit, and so grateful for the deliverence I had been instrumental in obtaining for him, that he would not suffer me to watch for him to sleep but one hour in sour-and-twenty, although he was so fatigued as to have absolute need of a much greater proportion; neither would permit me to carry any of our baggage.

From the time of being joined by Sexton, we steered a south-east course, as direct as possible, until the eighteenth, towards night—di-

recting our course by the sun and the moss on the trees by day, and the moon by night. On the evening of the eighteenth, we providentially sell in with an American scouting party, who conducted us safely, in a few hours to Fort Jefferson, where we were treated with great humanity, and supplied with the best refreshments the fort afforded, which to me was very acceptable, as I had not tasted any thing except wild berries and ground-nuts for above a week.

The week after our arrival at Fort-Jefferson, I was able to return to my duty in my own regiment, which the latter end of August joined the army on an expedition against the Indians of the Miami village, the place in which I had fuffered fo much, and fo recently, and where I had beheld fo many cruelties perpetrated on unfortunate Americans. It is easier to conceive than describe the pertubation of my mind on this occasion. The risk I should run in common with my fellow foldiers feemed heightened by the certainty of torture that awaited me in case of being captured by the savages. However, these reflections only occasioned a firm resolution of doing my duty vigilantly, and felling my life in action as dear as possible, but by no means to be taken alive if I could evade it by any exertion short of suicide.

My captain shewed me every kindness in his power on the march, indulged me with a horse as often as possible, and promised to use his insluence to obtain a commission for me, if I conducted well the present expedition. Poor gen-

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tleman! little did he think he was foon to expire gallantly fighting the battles of his country! I hasten now to the most interesting part of my short narrative; the description of Gen. St. Clair's deseat, and the scenes which succeeded it.

On the third of November we arrived within a few miles of the Miami village. Our army confifted of about 1200 regular troops, and nearly an equal number of militia. The night of the third, having reason to expect an attack, we were ordered under arms, about midnight, and kept in order until just before day light, at which time, our scouts having been sent out in-various directions, and no enemy discovered, we were dismissed from the parade to take some refreshment. The men in general, almost worn out with satigue, had thrown themselves down to repose a little. But their rest was of short duration; for before sunrise the Indians began a desperate attack upon the militia, which soon threw them into disorder, and forced them to retire before them precipitately into the very heart of our camp.

Good Gon! what were my feelings when flarting from my flumbers I heard the most tremendous firing all around, with yellings, horrid whoopings and expiring groans in dreadful discord founding in my ears. I seized my arms, ran out of my tent with several of my comrades, and saw the Indians with their bloody tomahawks and murderous knives butchering the flying militia. I fled towards them filled

with desperation discharged my firelock among them, and had the fatisfaction to fee one of the tawny favages fall, whose tomahawk was that inflant elevated to strike a gallant officer, who was then engaged fword in handwith a favage in front. My example, I had reason to think, animated my companions. Our company now reached the glace we occupied, and aided by the regulars of other companies and regiments, who joined us indifcriminately, we drove the Indians back into the bush, and soon after formed in tolerable order, under as gallant commanders as ever died in defence of America. The firing ceafed for a few minutes, but it was like the interval of a tornado, calculated by an instantaneous, dreadful reverse, to strike the deeper horser. In one and the same minute feemingly, the most deadly and heavy firing took place on every part of our camp. The army, exposed to the shot of the enemy, delivered from the ground, fell on every fide, and drenched the plains with blood, while the difcharge from our troops, directed almost at random, I am fearful, did but little execution. Orders were now given to charge with bayonets. We obeyed with alacrity. A dreadful fwarm of tawny favages rofe from the ground and fled before us-but alas! our officers, rendered conspicuous by their exertions to stimulate the men, became victims to favage ingenuity, and fell fo fast, in common with the rest, that scarce a shot appeared as spent in vain. Advantages gained by the bayonet, were by

this means, and want of due support, lost again, and our little corps obliged in turn, repeatedly to give way before the Indians. We were now reduced to less than half our original number of regular troops, and less than one fourth part of our officers—our horses all killed or taken, our artillery-men all cut off, and the pieces in the enemy's hands. In this dreadful dilemma we had nothing to do but to attempt a retreat, which foon became a flight-and for feveral miles, amidst the yells of Indians, more dreadful to my ears than screams of damned siends to my ideas, amidst the groans of dying men, and the dreadful sight of bloody massacres on every side, perpetrated by the Indians on the unfortunate creatures they overtook, I endured a degree of torture no tongue can describe, or heart conceive; yet I providentially escaped unhurt, and frequently discharged my muficet, I am perfuaded to effect.

Providence was pleased to sustain my spirits and preserve my strength, and although I had been so far spent previous to setting out on the expedition, as to be unable to go upon satigue for several days, or even to bear a moderate degree of exercise, I reached Fort-Jefferson the day after the action, about ten o'clock in the morning, having travelled on foot all night to es-

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Thus have I made the reader acquainted with the most interesting scenes of my life. Many of them are extraordinary—some of them perhaps incredible—but all of them sounded in

fact, which can be attested by numbers. St. Clair, in consequence of my sufferings, and what he and others were pleased to call foldier. like exertions, presented me with an Enligh's commission, on joining the remains of my old company, in which station I mean to serve my country again, as far as my flender abilities will permit-trusting that the same kind protecting providence, which hath covered my head in the day of battle, and shielded me repeatedly in the hour of danger, will dispose of me as to infinite wifdom feems best; -and if I die in the cause of my country, may the remembrance of my fufferings, escapes, perseverance through divine support, and repeated mercies received, kindle a flame of heroism in the breast of many an American youth, and induce him, while he reads the fufferings of his unfortunate country. men, to exert himself to defend the worthy inhabitants on the frontiers from the depredations of favages-whose horrid mode of war is a scene to be deprecated by civilized nature—viole tender mercies are cruelties-and, whose saith is by no means to be depended on, though pledged in the most solemn treaties.

The reader will now permit me to close a short, but, to me, extremely interesting natrative, with a few lines, composed as a song, by

my worthy comrade, Sackville.

SONG. [To the tune of-" LIBERTY TREE."]

AMERICANS, rise at the voice of distress,
'Tis virtue to succor the brave;
The force of your arms distant realms shall confess,
Join'd with those whom your valor may save.

Savage nations shall learn by your conduct to rise

Above their untractable state;

Drop their customs of malice and learn from the wise

To be civiliz'd, gentle, and great.

But those who presume against reason and right, To spread terror, destruction, and fire; Shall perceive the advantage of art in the fight, Shall be taught real worth to admire.

The wilderness then shall bloom forth as the rose, Tall forests give place to rich grain; While unity, peace, and contentment disclose. Their beauties to crown the domain.

The native, delighted—secur'd in his claim,
And instructed to stick to his word;
Shall abandon the tomahawk, arrow, and flame,
And the hoe shall take place of the sword.

Our Eagle shall then his wide pinions extend;
To the ocean that rolls in the west;
Oppression and discord be brought to an end,
And the world be permitted to rest.

AMERICAN HEROISM.

THE following traits of character in the American Tar, so conspicuously displayed in our late war with England, are thought worthy of being subjoined to the preceding narrative. The unparalleled defence of the Essex, considered as the combined achievment of her officers and crew, is already known to our country and the world. But of the details of that wonderful example of American heroism and gallantry, none except those who witnessed them can have any conception. The following is derived from a source which precludes all doubt as to its critical verity.

DANIEL GLASGOW FARRAGUT—a midshipman on board the Essex, thirteen years of age, was knocked down by a splinter which struck him on the thigh, and disabled him during the remainder of the action. While supporting himself by the railing which was placed around the hatchway, on the quarter deck, an eighteen pound ball carried away the tail of his coatee. Several men were killed very near him, yet not the slightest change was perceived either in his countenance or manners. But no sooner were the colors struck, than he burst into tears.

Thomas Terrry, a feaman, had his leg and part of his thigh carried away by a cannon ball. His shipmates, at the gun where he was flationed, picked him up to remove him to the cock-

pit:—but refusing to go, he insisted that his companions should remain firm at their gun, observing that he was now only an incumbrance to them. The doctor, too, he said, had more business already than he could attend to, and it would therefore be only a loss of time to carry him below. He now exhorted his associates to sight the ship to the last moment—while there was a plank of her associate, or a gun that would fire,—and after shaking hands and bidding them an affectionate adieu, he crawled to the bow of the vessel, threw himself overboard, and was drowned.

When lieutenant John Cowell, had his leg shot off, he was taken up to be carried below. But peremptorily refusing to go, he gave direction that he should be placed on the coamings of the hatch-way, where he continued to give his orders, with his usual composure, until he had lost so much blood, as to be almost insensible.—When prevailed on at length to be removed to the cock pit, he insisted on waiting for his turn before he would suffer his wound to be dressed. This extraordinary heroism and generosity were the cause of so great a loss of blood, as proved fatal to that distinguished officer.

John Francis, the captain's coxswain, commanded a gun a mid-ships, very properly denominated the flaughter-house. Three times, covered with the blood and brains of his slaughtered companions, did he come to his commander to request that more men might be ordered to his gun, as the whole crew had been killed or

wounded. On coming a fourth time with a similar request, Francis was observed to be himfelf wounded. All hopes of faving the ship were now abandoned. It was even expected the would immediately blow up. The captain, therefore, told Francis that he had done his duty manfully, and his wish now was that he should endeavor to make his escape. This brave seaman succeeded in reaching the shore, and repaired immediately to the Essex Junior, to asfift in defending her.

George Wim, a native of Philadelphia, obferved to lieutenant Cowel (when he faw the enemy determined on attacking the Effex) that to defend the ship with an expectation of faving her, would be folly; but that he would willing. ly facrifice his life to convince the world that an American failur would fight for his country and rights, to the last drop of his blood, under whatever circumstances he might be attacked. George was found mortally wounded at his gun at the close of the action, and in two days afterwards died.

William Smith and Peter Ripple were the only furvivors of the crew of the gun at which they were stationed. These two brave fellows were found working it at the close of the action, Smith perfectly blind from an explosion of powder, and otherwise dismally woundedand Ripple also wounded feverely. Smith died two days after the action, and it was with great difficulty that the life of Ripple was faved.

Many of the crew of the Eilex, after having

their first wounds dressed, seturned on deck to their guns, where they were, in several instances, killed by second injuries. John Ressel, Peter Allan, and Peter Vale, seamen, were of this number. Many of the crew, after being mortally wounded, sternly resused to leave their guns. This was the reason why the number of killed was so nearly equal to that of the wounded.

Benjamin Hazen, a native of Groton, in Maffachusetts, being wounded in the action, remained on deck until the colors were struck. He joined others in the request that the slag might be hauled down, to save the lives of his companions in the cock-pit. But as soon as the ship was given up, he bade an affectionate adieu to his shipmates, said he had determined never to survive the surrender of the Eslex, jumped overboard, and was drowned.

When the wounded feamen below found that the ship was no longer defensible, they requested that she might be blown up, to prevent her from falling into the hands of the enemy. Orders to this effect were given by captain Porter, but countermanded again on finding the wounded in the cock-pit to be so numerous that they could not be removed in time to prevent their falling a facrifice to the slames.

The great distance at which the enemy kept, and the utter impossibility of closing with him, did not enable one man more than another to distinguish himself by personal courage. All showed themselves, however, cool, determined,

and perfevering. None left their quarters until they were completely disabled. They saw their mangled shipmates fall around them, and sepped is themselves with the greatest alacrity to fill their places.

All the officers, as the men they commanded fell at their guns, immediately gave affiftance themselves in working them, until their places.

could be filled by fresh hands.

Lieutenants Wilmer, M'Knight, Odenheimer, and others particularly distinguished themselves in this way. The conduct of captain Downes in pulling twice through the midst of the enemy's fire, deserves the highest eulogium-

too much cannot be faid in his praise.

Lieutenant Burrows, of the marines of the Phœbe, on coming on board the Essex and seeing the dreadful flaughter of her crew, (twenty-one dead men lying in one pile on the gundeck,) and her deck covered with the blood and brains of those who had fallen, fainted with horror at the fight. Nor was captain Hillyar himself, on visiting the ship, much less affected by the scene of havoc—a scene surpassing every thing he had previously witnessed.

There is, in a courageous devotion to duty and a heroic contempt of death, something that, in every portion of the globe, whether savage or civilized, irresistibly awakens the noblest sentiments of the soul, and engages in its behalf the finest affections of the human heart. This is, perhaps, more ofpecially the case, in relation to the effects which the manifestation of

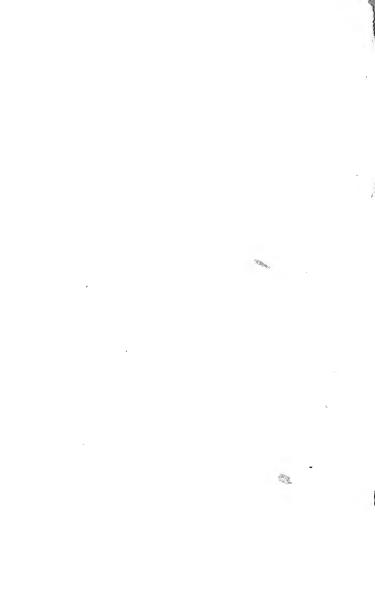
these qualities so uniformly produces on the minds of females. Bravery, in every shape, and under the deepest and darkest shades of misfortune, never tails to receive its folace and r ward in the admiration of the fair truth was manifested in its full extent in the cafe of our unfortunate countrymen in Valparaifo. The ladies of that place were bufily occupied in fcraping lint and providing other neceffaries for our wounded, the whole time the crew of the Effex remained there after the action, which was nearly a month. They visited the disabled seamen at the hospital, inquired into their wants, and cooked little messes for them at their houses, so deeply were they impressed with admiration of their courage.

The case of lieutenant Cowell excited in Valparasso the liveliest interest. The whole city most feelingly and deeply sympathized in his

fufferings and lamented his fate.

When that brave young officer died, captain Porter was absent on business at St. Jago, the capital of Chili. This, however, detracted nothing from the splendor of his suneral. His heroism had made every one his friend & mourner. He was buried with the most distinguished honors, both military and civil, that the place could afford. All the American and British officers, the crews of the Essex and Essex Junior, of the Phæbe and Cherub, and of every other vessel in port, joined to swell the suneral procession.





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